



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 2006
TO: Presumptive Elected State Level Candidates
FROM: Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections
SUBJECT: Post-Election Campaign Finance Compliance Statement Filing Requirement

IMPORTANT

The enclosed “Post-Election Campaign Finance Compliance Statement” must be filed with the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections before you assume your new term in office. Please read this memo for complete information on the filing requirement.

Michigan election law, MCL 168.848, requires any candidate elected to office on the state, county or local level to file an affidavit *prior to assuming office* which states that at the date the affidavit was executed “all statements, reports, late filing fees, and fines required of the candidate or a candidate committee organized to support the candidate’s election under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act ... have been filed or paid.”

- The affidavit is *not* required of an elected candidate whose Candidate Committee did not receive or expend more than \$1,000.00 during the election cycle. In addition, the affidavit is *not* required of a candidate elected to a U.S. Senate, U.S. House or a precinct delegate position.
- An elected candidate who is required to file a Post-Election Campaign Finance Compliance Statement must submit the form to the filing official designated to receive the elected candidate’s campaign finance disclosure filings. As a consequence, all candidates elected to any of the following offices at the November 7, 2006 general election must submit the form to the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections:

Governor and Lt. Governor

Secretary of State

Attorney General

State Senator

State Representative

State Board of Education

University of Michigan Regents

Michigan State University Trustees

Wayne State University Governors

Justice of the Supreme Court

Judge of the Court of Appeals

Judge of the Circuit Court

Judge of the District Court

Judge of Probate Court

- An elected candidate who is required to file the statement who fails to submit the form is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a “fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 93 days, or both.” An elected candidate who falsifies the statement is guilty of perjury punishable by a “fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both.”

Filing Address for Candidates Required to Submit Form on State Level

Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
P.O. Box 20126
Lansing, MI 48901

Office location: Richard H. Austin Building, 1st Floor
430 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48918

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Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections if you have any questions. Phone: (517) 373-2540.